



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, December 19, 2013, TOWN CLUBHOUSE SQUARE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Call to Order: Mayor LeVault at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call Councilmembers present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Shirley Gustafson, Judy Johnson and June Miller.
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorneys Susan Goodwin and Trish Stuhan, Community Development Coordinator Gregory Arrington, Finance Manager Karen Sypniewski, Public Safety Manager Mike Kessler, Public Works Manager Marty Mosbrucker, Economic Development Manager Gayle Cooper, Deputy Town Clerk Stacy Anderson and Town Clerk/Treasurer Diane Cordova.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Councilmember Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Mayor Duran offered the Invocation.

Communications: Comments, Commendations and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, staff or members of the public. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02.

A. Communications from Council

Mayor LeVault

- Met with the West Valley Luke Council. They reported that the F35 will be out flying by the end of January middle of February 2014. I witnessed the Marine 35 vertically land and vertically take off. They were pleased to say that they receive a tremendous amount of support from the West Valley.
- Attended several meetings with GPEC Greater Phoenix Economic Council. They are leading the way to a diversified high tech economy. They have high level visions on turning the economy.

Councilmember Chittenden

- I want to thank all the staff for all their hard work towards the Holiday Event.
- Thank Sun City Fire Department for their quick response to the emergency call at the event.
- There will be a Dog Park Meeting Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

B. Communications from Staff: Town Manager's Report, Sun City Fire District (SCFD) Report.

Town Manager Blackman

- Our Holiday Luncheon turned out very well; thanks to all whom participated; Library Manager Heidi Speed and Library Assistant Melissa Robinson for their contribution in decorating, Deputy Town Clerk Stacy Anderson and Mayor LeVault for cooking the turkey and hams.
- Attended the West Valley Manager's Mayor's Meeting at the City of Buckeye. The topic of discussion was transportation.
- There was a Small Areas Transportation Study Meeting here in our Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 this meeting was conducted by MAG – Maricopa Association of Government. Mayor LeVault, Town Engineer Grant Anderson and I were in attendance.
- Meet with Ron Brooks in regards to the fare rates on Dial-a-ride; Valley Metro sets the fare.
- Library Manager Heidi Speed is not here tonight, she had no new report to present.

Finance Manager Sypniewski

- Arizona Metropolitan Trust (AzMT) October 2013 cash balance is \$1.9 million; YTD year to date is \$103,000.
- I've set up the Town utilities bills for automatic online billing payment.

Community Development Coordinator Arrington (report attached)

- There were year to date 41 commercial permits issued; last month 2 were issued. Year to date residential permits issued at 92; last months 6 were issued.
- Accomplishments were the court renovation, the vacant parcel database and the seasonal swimming pool ordinance.
- I will be working of the Commerce Park and the General Plan Amendment.

- Once there is a final on the property purchase for the Southwest Key La Hacienda expansion, we will begin the process of amending the zoning to combine the properties.
- The Citizen's Academy will begin January 14, 2014. We presently have nine (9) students.
- I will be working on bringing forth an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of El Mirage for backup inspection services.
- Looking into the purchase of Citizen Serve-Business License registration module.

Mayor LeVault

- I appreciate the formalization of staff reports.

Public Safety Manager Kessler

- Code Enforcement Lupe Romero attended CELA – Code Enforcement League of Arizona training today.
- Code Enforcement Joseph Garnica received an appreciation for assisting in a residents cleaning.
- Code Enforcement Department building had the vents cleaned. It smells and feels much better in our offices; much appreciate the Town having that completed.

Public Works Manager Mosbrucker

- Would like to say that I have survived my first Winter Miracle Event. All went well and enjoyed it very much.
- I had a write up in the Village Reporter on all the projects; court renovations and the Public Safety Department move have been completed successfully and well under budget.

Economic Development Manager Cooper

- Through GPEC I toured the Thunderbird School of Global Management.
- Met with Nick Surak, Englewood Development on potential development opportunities and also met with Linda Kleiner, a business owner. She is looking into opening three (3) businesses in the Youngtown Shopping Plaza.
- A high end consignment shop has opened up in Youngtown. They are coming in from the State of California.
- Met with another business owner that will be doing an online car dealership. They will be located next to the Rite cleaners on the corner of 112th and California Avenue.
- There are two ads about the Town of Youngtown; one in the Urban Land Institute, which is worldwide and one in the Arizona Business Magazine.
- We have been meeting regarding the Commerce Park. We have three (3) property owners on board.
- We will be applying for a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant again for the exterior renovation of the Youngtown Shopping Plaza. The funding is to be announced Dec. 12th and the deadline for application is Jan. 15th, 2014.
- As the Mayor mentioned, GPEC is planning an initiative for the diversification and enhancement of our economy. This initiative is critical to changing the future of Maricopa County and thereby of the State of Arizona. Some of the economic facts that we are grappling with: Arizona is currently 7th in job growth in the nation. Unfortunately, the average salary of this new growth is \$19,500 – not where we want our wages to be.
- We were very excited to have Google come to Mesa, and bring high-tech jobs to the Valley. Bad news is we are losing Lockheed-Martin from Goodyear. Google jobs average \$40,000 whereas Lockheed's pay \$75,000 - \$150,000. This is not a good balance.
- Maricopa County is 61% of the state's population and it represents 76% of its economy. As a result, the economy of this County is the backbone of the State. We need to alter the direction of our economic future.

Deputy Town Clerk Anderson (report attached)

- I'm here to report that we held another successful Winter Event on December 7, 2013. I've heard nothing but positive feedback. The Montessori School, Discovery U requested a table so that the children could write letters to Santa and with their feeder school, Peoria Accelerated students responded to these letters. Something new this year which was a big hit was the "Christmas Reoake." The total cost of the event came in at \$5313.13 we received \$2,883 in sponsorship. We were budgeted at \$2000 expenses came in at \$2,430.13 which came in over budgeted by \$430.13. This is the first we received a good response from our businesses; monetary and in-kind sponsorships. The MCSO Explorers were of amazing help. During the medical emergency, they exhibited a very mature response. There will be an article in the January Village Reporter. I would like to comment that the action/emergency plan that Public Safety Manager Mike Kessler and I devised several years ago was implemented this year and it worked like clockwork.

Public Safety Manager Kessler

- The emergency that happen was a Youngtown resident had a seizure. I did a follow up on him and found that he spent two days in the hospital. The chain of command was flowed and very grateful for the MCSO Explorers.

Town Clerk Córdova

- As part of Leadership West, I had a visit to the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant in Tonopah last week. I've never gone through so much security.
- Council's Financial Disclosure Forms have been placed in your mailboxes along with a copy of last years for your assistance. They need to be notarized and return to the Clerk's Office by January 31, 2014.
- Attended the West Valley Clerk's Breakfast meeting at the City of Buckeye. Speakers were Kristi Passarelli and Rey Valenzuela from the Maricopa County Elections. Kristi recommended that if a City and/or Town have a

General Plan to be voted upon that they be presented in the Primary Election, August 26, 2014 and not during the General Election in November 2014. The ballot measures in the General Election might be very elongated – measures from the Federal, then measures from the State, then local measures and then would follow the Cities/Towns measures. We would get greater engagement from our residents if presented in the Primary Election along with the four (4) council seats that are up for election.

Mayor LeVault

- Whose seats are up for re-election?

Town Clerk Cordova

- The three (3) that are not up for election until 2016 are Vice Mayor Duran, Councilmember Mello and Councilmember Gustafson. The four (4) seats for re-election in 2014 will be Councilmember Chittenden, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Miller and the Mayor's seat.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) (report attached)

Sergeant Cox

- For the month of November, MCSO responded to a total of 321 situations requiring intervention or response in which 209 were deputy-initiated on-view activity and 112 were citizen requests for service; There was a report of 1 sexual assault and 2 aggravated assault for a total of 3 violent crimes; A total of 25 criminal offenses committed; A total of 13 arrests were made with a total of 27 traffic citations. We issued 16 barking dog warnings and 3 false alarm warnings. Not to sure why the total volunteer posse hours are not on the report.
- There have been two homicides in Youngtown. In regards to the homicide at the Best Western Motel on Grand Avenue we have four individuals in custody and are presently charged for murder and drug charges. They are individuals that live in Wittmann, Arizona and for unknown reasons at this time came into Youngtown and committed their crime.

Sun City Fire District (SCFD) Report (report attached)

Sun City Fire Marshal Fox

- There was 1 fire in Youngtown. It was a dumpster fire outside of Town Hall. Engine 132 & 133 responded and MCSO is investigating it as arson. We had 72 rescue and EMS incidents and 2 service calls; a total of 81 incidents. On the fire prevention side there were 22 mercantile and business inspections; an overall total of 25 inspections with only 1 violation.
- SCFD has adopted a new fee schedule and will be effective January 2014. The 2012 International Building Codes have been adopted along with the 2012 Residential Codes. In working with Gregory Arrington, I believe that Youngtown Council will be adopting the same and so we will be working in alignment.

Councilmember Miller

- I want to acknowledge Chief Haner for the quick response on the install of a lockbox. I call it in on a Friday and was installed the following Monday morning.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Consideration and Action on Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2013.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2013 – Councilmember Johnson

Second – Vice Mayor Duran

Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

6. Business

A. Presentation and Discussion Re: Parks & Sons of Sun Cities, Inc. will perform semi-annual residential bulk item collection to Youngtown residents currently receiving solid waste services. Cost for the additional service estimated to be an additional \$.75 to \$1.00 per resident per month.

Shawn Parks, Parks & Sons

- Parks & Sons has established a semi-bulk collection with other cities. We are here to bring a value of service to Youngtown as well. The cost to residents is estimated to be an additional \$0.75 to \$1.00 per resident per month. That is about \$9.00 per year for the semi-bulk service collection. Presently the City of Glendale Landfill charges \$32 for bulk trash dumping. Parks & Sons has not had a rate increase for several years for regular trash service. The current rate is \$16.00 per month which will increase to \$18.75

Mayor LeVault

- How will Park & Sons communicate this information to Youngtown residents?

Shawn Parks, Parks & Sons

- The announcement will be coming out as early as next week and also giving residents a three to four week notice of collection coming.

Councilmember Miller

- This is curb street pickup and no pickup at alleys?

Shawn Parks, Parks & Sons

- That is correct, Parks & Sons will not pick up bulk trash from the alleys, and it is to be placed out on the front curb.

Councilmember Chittenden

- Youngtown residents pay more than Sun City residents.
- One time I had to pay an extra charge of to pick up a toilet. A neighbor had to pay extra also to pick up a sofa.
- For those residents that don't participate, the extra \$0.75 to \$1.00 each month can be a burden.

Councilmember Johnson

- We can't and I know other residents cannot take bulk trash to the landfill and/or to Youngtown's annual trash pickup.
- I think this is a super service for twice a year to have.

Councilmember Miller

- \$ 0.75 a month is reasonable. This might be a burden for some; however we can all afford it if it's going to keep the Town clean.

Town Manager Blackman

- Public Works Department and Code Enforcement Department have had several discussions and discussed options. Park & Sons are the experts. They have the equipment, which we the Town do not. This is a win win for everyone.

Mayor LeVault

- For a city owned collection like the City of El Mirage, the city gets the bill.
- The rate is very reasonable and the burden will be taken off the Town.
- The collection detail of acceptable and unacceptable items for instance appliances are acceptable will be communicated to residents?

June Miller

- This will encourage residents to keep Youngtown clean.

Shawn Parks, Parks & Sons

- The City of El Mirage designated a central location for residents to bring their bulk trash. The second time they offered it to resident the collection tripled.
- We hope to encourage participation by offering curb side service.
- There will be an article in the Village Report in January's issue communicating what are acceptable and unacceptable items.

Councilmember Johnson

- This is a great idea! I myself can get items to the curb but unable to get it to a landfill.

Councilmember Mello

- This is great. Agua Fria Ranch resident will greatly appreciate this service. The rate is very reasonable.

Citizens Comments/Apearances from the floor:

Dr. Kathryn French, Resident and President of the Agua Fria Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA)

- Parks & Sons does a great job.
- The recycling program has been terrific.
- I am happy about this. It is a small fee and less expensive than hauling it out to a landfill. The rate of \$0.75 to \$1.00 a month costing about \$9.00 a year is less than what is spent on a lunch meal.
- Having curb side service will make things look better.
- The HOA newsletter is also a place where we can inform residents as well as place them on our A-frame signs notifying residents of upcoming dates.

B. Discussion and/or Action Re: Amending Intergovernmental Agreement to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Contract to provide Cities and Towns the right to request personnel changes.

Town Manager Blackman

- This is a housekeeping item. The Town Manager name has been changed from Lloyce Robinson to Jeanne Blackman. In Section II. Services, Subsection E number 4 a performance standard is amended to add the following: The Town, Acting through the Town Manager, shall have the right to request in writing that any staff assigned to service within the Town by the Sheriff's Office be reassigned from service within the Town. This amendment is a standardization of their intergovernmental Agreement.

Motion to approve Amending Intergovernmental Agreement to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Contract to provide Cities and Towns the right to request personnel changes. – Councilmember Miller
Second – Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

- C. Presentation and Discussion: Adoption of the International Building Code, 2012 Edition, National Electrical Code 2011 Edition, - the International Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition, the International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, the International Residential Code, 2012 Edition, the International Fuel Gas Code, 2012 Edition, the International Property Maintenance Code, 2012 Edition, the International Existing Building Code, 2012 Edition, and the Maricopa Association of Governments Building, Electric, Plumbing and Mechanical Amendments dated June 12, 2013 by reference, repealing Section 15.04.020 Amendments to International Building Code and International Residential Code and adopting new Section 15.04.020 Amendments to International Building Code, National Electric Code, International Fire Code And International Residential Code; and repealing Section 15.04.040 Americans With Disabilities Act and adopting new Section 15.04.040 Americans With Disabilities Act.

Economic Development Coordinator Arrington (power point attached)

- This is a presentation of the Adoption of the Building Codes. Staff will return with a formalized Ordinance for Council to approve in January 2014. Proposed codes to be adopted are: 2011 National Electrical Code, 2012 International Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Fire, Residential and Property Maintenance Codes. We will be adding the 2012 International Existing Building Code to this adoption.
- Proposed Amendments on the International Residential Code are: one-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses provide the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet is the amended footage changed from 200 square footage. The fence height has been amended from 7 feet to 6 feet and Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency will be deleted entirely.
- Proposed Amendments on the International Building Code in regards to Public swimming pools; adding window and door regulations.
- Adopting the International Fire Code will bring us in alignment with Sun City Fire Department. They have adopted the same code.

7. Call for Executive Session

None

8. Citizens Comments/Appearances from the floor:

Dr. Kathryn French Resident of Agua Fria Ranch and President of Homeowners Association (HOA)

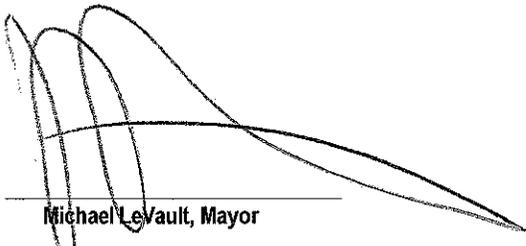
- Kudos on the Miracle Winter Event. It was one of the best in attendance and well organized.
- I want to thank Code Enforcement Department for their assistances on the issue regarding a resident and her dog fesses.
- We are getting good responses on the Farmer's Market and I hope it will continue.

9. Future Agenda & Meetings:

- A. There may be discussion of whether to place an item on a future agenda and the date, but not the merits of the item.
B. Announcement of next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Councilmember Mello
Second – Councilmember Vice Mayor Duran
Meeting Adjourned 8:13 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Diane Cordova, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved at January 23, 2014 regular meeting.